

duct had been dealt with by the Board during the year, and in this case the offender's name was removed from the Midwives Roll and her certificate cancelled.

Three examinations for midwives had already been held by the Board, and a fourth was about to take place. Out of 192 candidates examined up to the present 171 had passed satisfactorily.

The Board proposed certain amendments in the Rules, and directed that these alterations be forwarded to the Central Midwives Boards for England and Scotland for their consideration before being forwarded to the Privy Council for approval.

After transacting some other routine business the Board adjourned.

LONDON FEDERATION OF INFANT WELFARE CENTRE.

The Annual Meeting of the London Federation of Infant Welfare Centres was held at the Mansion House on June 28th. Sir Henry Harris, K.B.E., M.P., presiding. The speakers were the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., Minister of Health, who said that directly and indirectly he had taken a deep interest in the subject for years. He doubted whether any movement had such immediate results for so little expenditure. The care of the health of the mother, and of the infant for the first twelve months of its life, was more important than anything that could be done afterwards. The education of young mothers, and of girls in schools, as to how to bring up a baby, was of the utmost importance, and the splendid effect of this type of work was very great. Whatever economies had to be made, he hoped the last would be this very important part of the work.

The Minister expressed his belief in women as practical economists, and said he would be pleased to receive any kind of suggestions as to how, and in what way, economies could be made. He spoke appreciatively of the work done by voluntary workers.

Other speakers were Dr. Alice Hutchison, Sir Arthur Stanley, Mrs. Joseph, and Miss Holford.

We note in the Annual Report, presented at the meeting, that a resolution has been passed by the Federation: "That in view of the urgency of standardising salaries and conditions of work, of Health Visitors and Superintendents of Municipal and Voluntary Centres in London, the Council requests the Ministry of Health to call a conference of all concerned to frame such a standard."

We hope this may be productive of good results.

The Report points out the necessity of adequate salaries for professional workers, and that the scale which the Borough Health Committees pay their Municipal workers (£200 to £350) is on the whole higher than that paid by voluntary associations (£80 to £320), and but few centres give up to the latter figure. "It is obvious that those at the bottom of this scale cannot have even the necessities of life unless they have private means."

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

It was a gala day for Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital on Monday last. First and foremost, Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Princess Victoria, came to visit the hospital, to charm the staff with the gracious sweetness which captivated the hearts of the nation in her radiant youth, and which has ever since endeared her to its people—and to delight the mothers, many of whose infants she held in her arms, and then handed them back to remember in later life the honour that was theirs at its outset. Her Majesty expressed great pleasure at her visit, and held out a hope to the Matron, Miss Blomfield, of another visit in the not too distant future.

Then there was the annual meeting of the governors and subscribers, when Lord Howard de Walden, the President, was in the chair, presented the annual reports of the Committee of Management for the year ending December 31st, 1920, the balance sheets and audited accounts, and moved their adoption. Thanks were also accorded to the Ladies' Association for the valuable assistance they have rendered to the hospital in the past year, and a number of ladies and gentlemen were elected Governors of the Corporation.

In moving a vote of thanks to the medical staff for the ability and kindness with which they have discharged their arduous duties during the past year, Sir Samuel Scott spoke in most cordial terms of the services they had rendered. There was further a meeting of the Ladies' Association, of which Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught is Patron.

Then Lady Howard de Walden distributed prizes and certificates to the babies numbering over 100, who had earned them in five different classes, but all sweet and fresh and charming specimens of babyhood. We have often remarked on the healthiness and winsomeness of Marylebone School children, and on Monday we wondered how much they were due to the influence in infancy, and indeed, to the ante-natal influence on the mothers also, of this beneficent hospital set in their midst.

We have not yet exhausted the features of the day. It was "pound day" and many useful pounds of stores found their way to the Matron's office. The wards—especially those recently altered structurally and redecorated—came in for much admiration, and incidentally we learnt how badly an operating theatre is needed. But that is another story.

The Annual Meeting of the Clapham Maternity Hospital was held on Tuesday, July 5th, Miss Christine Gregory, J.P., being in the chair. The speakers were Dr. L. Garrett Anderson, Dr. May Thorne, and Dr. Annie McCall. Miss Marion Ritchie, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, presented a most satisfactory financial Report. We hope to refer to this meeting at greater length in our next issue.

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